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**Subject:** Clean Version of Desk Statement for Maine meeting on Central Maine Power (New England Clean Energy Connect)  
**Attachments:** ACE\_ME Central Power\_DS\_12-05-19.docx

Hi Beth, here's a clean version for printing. Thanks!

Best Regards,  
Dave

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**Subject:** Re: REVIEW: Proposed Desk Statement for Maine meeting on Central Maine Power (New England Clean Energy Connect)

G2G thanks!

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 4, 2019, at 8:57 AM, Deegan, Dave <[Deegan.Dave@epa.gov](mailto:Deegan.Dave@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Dennis,

Below is a draft desk statement for the public info session tomorrow (Thursday) in Lewiston Maine that EPA has been invited by the Army Corps of Engineers to participate in. The plan is that Beth Alafat (of the Wetlands Section in Water Division) will be the EPA representative at the info session. If there are reporters asking about EPA's involvement or opinion on the project, Beth can provide this statement and or convey reporter contact info to me so we can follow up.

Please let us know if you have any feedback on this draft or our strategy. Thanks in advance!

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**DRAFT DESK STATEMENT**

**EPA role in Army Corps of Engineers Public Information Session on New England Clean Energy Connect  
Proposed Project**

December 5, 2019

EPA was invited by the US Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) to participate in today's public information session for the Central Maine Power Company's New England Clean Energy Connect electric transmission project.

EPA's primary responsibility is to determine if proposed wetland/aquatic impacts comply with the Clean Water Act. EPA recently received supplemental information from Central Maine Power regarding wetlands impacts associated with the proposed project. EPA is currently reviewing that information and has not reached any conclusions about potential impacts to aquatic resources or mitigation needed for the project. EPA looks forward to continued coordination with the ACE and other interested parties as we evaluate the project.

Further media inquiries should contact:

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